

REMARKS

The claims have been amended as per the recommendations and comments of the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action. Specifically, claims 1 and 4-6 have been amended and new claims 9-10 have been added, all of which seek to respond to the Examiner's recommendations regarding the need for clarification of the elements of the invention.

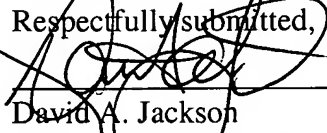
Particularly, claims 1 and 4 have been explicitly revised as recommended by the Examiner, and claims 5 and 6 have been amended and expanded to encompass subject matter that further limits the scope of these claims and therefore responds to the objection raised with regard thereto.

Specifically, claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the provisions of claim 1 in a manner which is believed to distinguish and overcome the objection raised with respect to its scope. Likewise, claim 6 has been amended in furtherance and independence from claim 5 to include further limitations such as those found in original claim 2. Likewise, claims 9 and 10 have been added which correspond to the embodiment of additional limitations from claims 3 and 4, respectively, as to the subject matter of revised claim 5.

It is applicants' understanding that the subject matter of claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 as originally filed is in condition for allowance and is acceptable. On the strength of this assumption, applicants believe that the amendment to claims 1, 4, 5 and 6 and the addition of claims 9 and 10 should favorably respond to the Examiner's points and render the present application as amended in condition for allowance.

As prosecution on the present application has been closed and allowable subject matter has been defined, applicants earnestly solicit the favorable consideration of the amendment and the processing of the present application to issue.

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